



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

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| Event Name | 22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR |
| Date | April 22, 2022 |
| Time | 9:00 AM |
| Operational Period | 8:00 AM April 21 to 8:00 AM April 22, 2022 |
| Report Number | 36 |

Regions Affected

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| TDEM Regions Affected | 3 and 5 |
| DDCs Active | None |

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) received two new requests for assistance for wildfire suppression operations on Thursday, April 21. Elevated to critical fire weather conditions are forecast for most of the western Texas Panhandle and much of far west Texas today.

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 7AM 4/22 to 7AM 4/23.



Weather - Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: ...Synopsis...

The eastern extent of critical fire-weather conditions will be demarcated by the placement of the dryline. Strong 30+ mph sustained southerly surface winds (with higher gusts) concurrent with afternoon RH values below 20% will extend into southern New Mexico, West Texas, the western Texas/Oklahoma Panhandles, western Kansas, and western Nebraska -- where fuels remain critically dry.

...Dry Thunderstorm Potential...

Another point of concern will be isolated dry thunderstorm development immediately along and ahead of the dryline this afternoon, which is expected to take place along the axis of the driest fuels. Any cloud-to-ground lightning flashes that can occur in proximity to the Colorado/Kansas and New Mexico/Texas border area will do so over very receptive fuels, and likely with little wetting rainfall at the early stages of thunderstorm evolution.

On April 17, Governor Abbott renewed the disaster declaration for wildfires in Texas.

On April 12, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to prepare additional state resources for mobilization as Texans face critical-to-extreme wildfire weather conditions in the Western half of the state and severe storm threats in the Eastern half of the state. The Texas State Operations Center (SOC) is operating at Level II: Escalated Response in support of severe weather and wildfire response.

On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

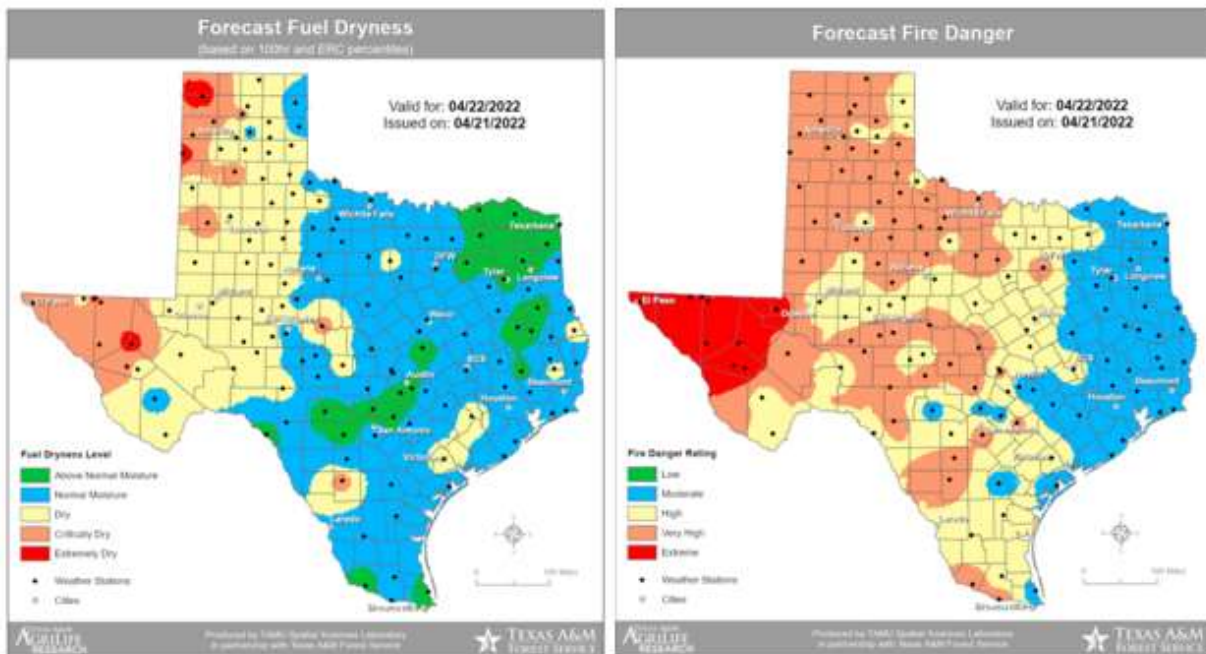
On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks,

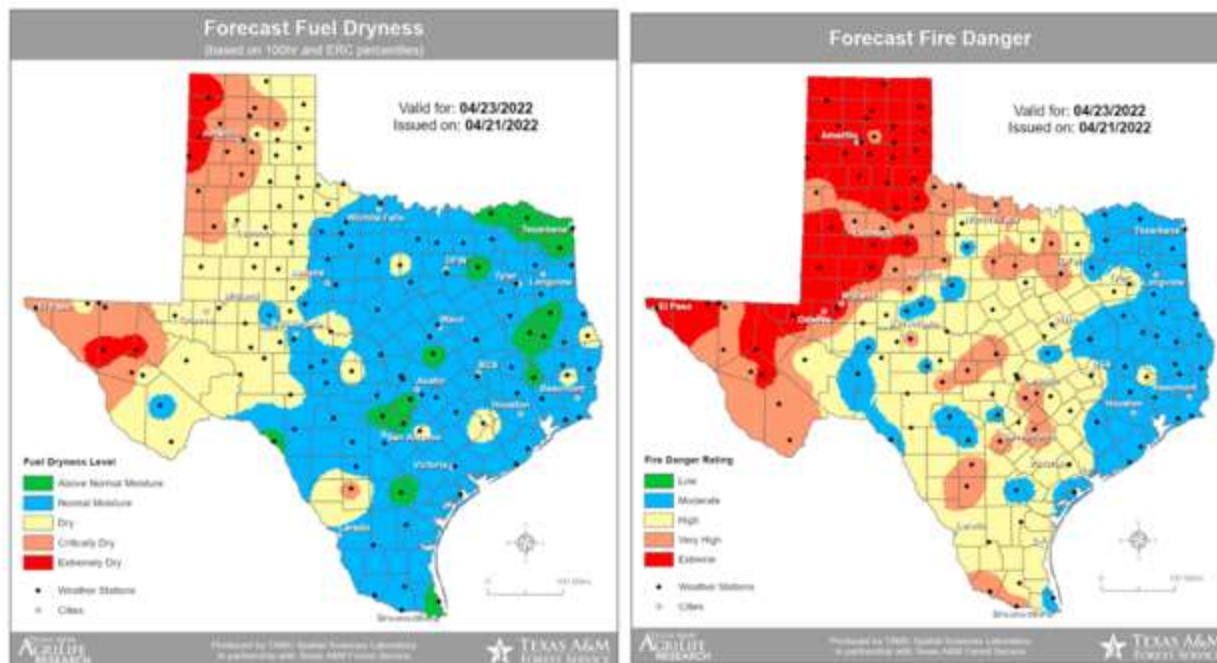
Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state.

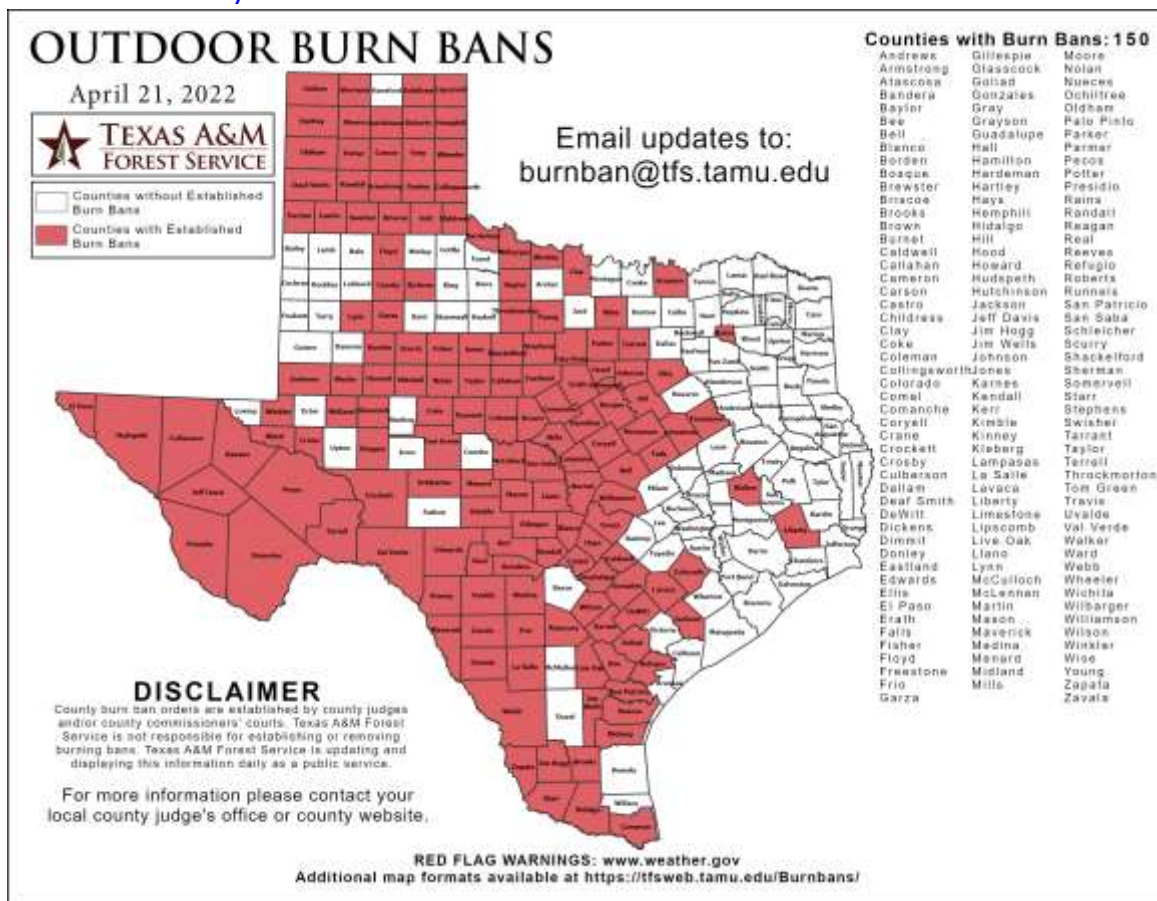
On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:





There are currently 150 Texas counties out of 254 with a Burn Ban in effect.



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

San Patricio County: [Tropical Trails](#): 17 acres – 50% contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

Potter County: [Horseshoe](#): 400 acres – 70% contained.

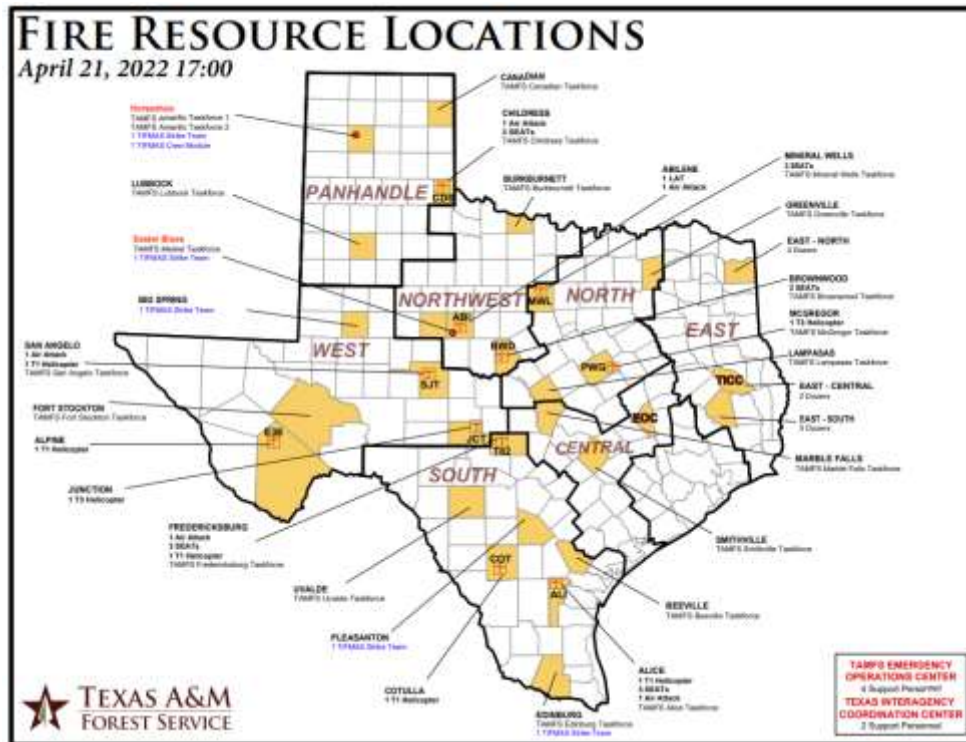
DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties)

Taylor County: [Easter Blues](#): 414 acres – 100% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): [TAMFS received two new requests for assistance for wildfire suppression operations on Thursday, April 21.](#) Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.



Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD continues supporting TAMFS in suppressing wildland fires in Texas.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD is providing two firefighting brush trucks.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status | Location |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| TAMFS | Large Air Tanker (LAT) | | 1 | Available | Abilene |
| TAMFS | Air Attack (AA) | | 5 | Available | Abilene, Alice, Childress, Fredericksburg, San Angelo |
| TAMFS | Type I Helicopter | | 5 | Available | Alice, Brownwood, Cotulla, Fredericksburg, San Angelo |

| Agency | Resource Kind and Type | Personnel | Equip | Status | Location |
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| TAMFS | Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs) | | 12 | Available | Alice, Brownwood, Childress, Fredericksburg |
| TAMFS | Type 3 Helicopter | | 2 | Available | McGregor, Junction |
| TAMFS | Dozer/Tractor Plow | | 23 | Available | Various |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS Strike Team (ST) 136 | 17 | 6 | Available | Big Spring |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 142 | 17 | 6 | Available | Edinburg |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 144 | 12 | 6 | Available | Pleasanton |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 145 | 18 | 6 | Available | Merkel |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS ST 146 | 15 | 6 | Available | Childress |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS Adobe Wall Module 143 | 10 | 5 | Available | Borger |
| TIFMAS | TIFMAS Coordinators | 2 | | Available | College Station, Merkel |
| TIFMAS | Overhead | 1 | 1 | Available | Brownwood |
| TMD | Rotary Wing (Medium MRP) | 16 | 2 | Assigned | Austin |

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

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| Level I | (Emergency Conditions) |
| Level II | (Escalated Response Conditions) |
| Level III | (Increased Readiness Conditions) |
| Level IV | (Normal Conditions) |

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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